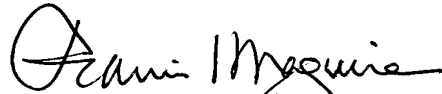


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted for the purpose of placing the application into standard U.S. format, to remove multiple dependencies from the claims, and to correct certain informalities in the text. Approval and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis J. Maguire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "F".

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